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INTRODUCTION.

IN the year 1844 a few individuals made an effort to establish a HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY for the State of Missouri, similar to institutions successfully established in other States. On the 18th of December in that year, a meeting was held in the Senate Chamber, in the City of Jefferson, at which measures were taken to organize the Society, addresses were delivered explaining its object and utility, a constitution adopted for its government, fourteen gentlemen enrolled their names as members, and a committee was appointed to apply to the General Assembly for an act of incorporation. The Rev. Dr. GOODRICH presented to the Society a volume of Ancient Travels in America, and a fac-simile engraving of hieroglyphics found in an Indian mound in Illinois, and these constituted the beginning of a library and cabinet which will probably become extensive and valuable. The constitution declared the objects of the Society to be, to collect and preserve all papers, memorials and documents connected with the early history of Missouri, and all statistics in any way pertaining to the population, mineral, navigable and agricultural resources of the State, and to make publication thereof from time to time. In conformity to the request of the Society, an act of incorporation was passed and approved by the Governor on the 27th day of February, 1845. Since that time an act has been passed granting to the Society the use of a room in the Capitol, well adapted to its purposes. The Society is located at the City of Jefferson, but branches or auxilliary Societies may be established in any other part of the State. The City of Jefferson was selected for the location of the Society because it is the Capitol of the State, the place where the Governor and principal executive officers reside and keep their offices—where the General Assembly meets and the laws are made—where the Supreme Court holds its sessions, and where Senators, Representatives, public officers, attorneys and other citizens from every county in the State, frequently assemble. It is probable that hereafter the spirit of public improvement and State enterprise will prevail to a greater extent than at the present time, and that many good roads, converging at the Capitol of the State, will render it a place of greater importance and of more frequent resort; and this was another reason for selecting the City of Jefferson as the head-quarters of the Society. It is appropriate that the Historical and Philosophical Society of the State, should be located at the seat of government, and that the public authorities, and citizens from every county, should aid in carrying it into successful operation.

The first annual meeting of the Society was held on the 20th of January, 1845, at which officers were chosen for the ensuing year, new members admitted, several distinguished citizens of other States were elected as honorary members; the presentation of some books, mineral specimens, and other articles, was announced, and resolutions were passed requesting the co-operation of the citizens of the State.

The second annual meeting of the Society was held on the 19th of January, 1846, at which addresses were delivered, the presentation of additions to the library,

cabinet and museum announced, resolutions passed, and officers chosen for the succeeding year.

The third annual meeting occurred on 19th of January, 1847, at which reports of officers were heard, resolutions adopted, officers for the year selected, and addresses delivered.

On the 17th of January, 1848, the fourth annual meeting of the Society was held, at which the reports of the officers were made and approved, some appropriate speeches were delivered, and officers for the present year selected.

Since the formation of the Society, several editors of newspapers have published flattering notices of its proceedings, and some of them have regularly sent files of their papers, which have been carefully preserved as materials for the general and local history of the State. Still the number of persons who have become members of the Society, and have taken an active interest in its prosperity, is not so great as it ought to be, nor have the additions to its library and collection of specimens and curiosities been so numerous as there was reason to hope for. A room has been fitted up for the reception of books, pamphlets, papers, manuscripts, curiosities, and other articles, and the foundation for a library, cabinet and museum has been laid; and hopes are entertained that the liberality and public spirit of the citizens of Missouri will cause the same to be rapidly increased by many valuable additions.

All editors and publishers of weekly newspapers and periodicals are solicited to present to the Society regular files thereof, in order that they may be bound into volumes and carefully preserved. The authors of all books, pamphlets and publications of every kind, are requested to donate a copy of the same for the use of the library. The Society invites the contribution of all old letters and manuscripts, illustrating the history of the discovery and early settlement of Missouri and of the western country. Files of all newspapers and periodicals that have been heretofore published in the State, will be very acceptable. Ancient and curious books and pamphlets are desired as additions to the library, particularly all such as relate to the western country. A copy of every book and pamphlet that was ever published in the State, is desired;—no publication should be considered too unimportant to enter into such a collection. One object of the Society is to collect and preserve the fleeting and ephemeral publications, that otherwise would be buried in oblivion. Citizens throughout the State may make many contributions to the Society without much trouble or inconvenience.

The Society also desires that the early and local history of the State may be written by persons competent to the task, and furnished for its use. The history of the early French and Spanish settlements at New Madrid, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, St. Charles, Portage des Sioux, Mine Breton, Cote Sans Dessein, and other places, would be interesting,—as would also an account of the emigration that came from New Orleans, Canada and elsewhere; and of the location and condition of the various Indian tribes when the first white settlements were made. Accounts of the early voyages, travels, trading expeditions, adventures, exploits and escapes of the early settlers, would be read with pleasure. Accurate details of the Indian wars, conflicts, alarms, and treaties, would form interesting chapters in the history of the State. A description and history of the various posts and forts that existed at early times, is desired. The biography of the pioneers—Laclede, Piernas, Cruzat, Libya, St. Ange, Delassus, Trudeau, Soulard, Mackay, Chouteau, Cerre, Pratte, Lisa, LaBeaume, Musick, Delaurier, Tayon, Blanchard, Clamorgan, and many others—would be a valuable addition to our history. The number and ex-

tent of the early French and Spanish settlements, and the date of their formation, should be ascertained and perpetuated in an authentic form. The history of the territory immediately before, at and after the treaty of cession, should be carefully written. The provincial form of government, the mode of granting lands, and laying out villages, and the system of government and police before the session, are worthy of investigation. The biography of the prominent men who came into office when this territory was transferred to the Americans, should be preserved. The conduct, character and history of Stoddard, Clarke, Lucas, Penrose, Bates, McNair, Ashley, Hempstead, Easton, Gray, Callaway, Cooper, Cole, and many others, should be written out. The events of the war of 1812 and the accompanying Indian troubles, the adventures of the ranging service, the border conflicts with the savages, such as those that occurred at Loutre, Cote Sans Dessein and Chain of Rocks, ought to be minutely given as a part of the history of the country. The territorial history of the country deserves attention—the territorial legislation and executive and judicial action under all the successive forms and grades of government, will be interesting—the gradual progress from the civil to the common law should be traced out, and the men and measures of the territory properly described. Such men as Cousins, the Bartons and Rectors, Strother, Giddings, Emmons, McGirk, Tompkins, Pettibone, are entitled to a place in our territorial history. The task of tracing the progress of settlement and improvement in each section of the State, will be full of interest; and the early efforts at mining, smelting and manufacturing would not be devoid of interest. The history of the Regulators may receive a passing notice. The transition from the Territorial into a State government—the formation and adoption of the State Constitution—the conflicts of opinion that existed in the Convention—the anecdotes and incidents of its session, and the circumstances that attended the admission of the State into the Union, and the organization of the State government, constitute an important chapter of our history. The early legislation of the State, the choice of officers, the selection of U. S. Senators, the constitutional amendments, the stop laws, and the loan office, are subjects worthy of notice.

The history of the early trade and commerce of the territory—the Indian trade—the navigation by perogues and keel boats—the change, effected by the introduction of steam boats—the system of barter and exchange—the peltry currency—the Bank of St. Louis, and the old Bank of Missouri, are subjects that could be properly woven into the regular history of the State. The origin, growth and progress of the Rocky Mountain and Santa Fe trade, are fair subjects for historical research. The foundation and progress of the various towns and cities of the State, are parts of our local history. Biographies of all our former Governors, Judges and prominent officers, are desired. All this mass of general and local history can easily be obtained, if the persons who possess the information will take the trouble to write it down and furnish it to the Society, so that it may be arranged in proper form for publication. A large number of books, pamphlets, letters, manuscripts and files of newspapers are in the possession of individuals and are nearly useless to them, but if contributed to the Society they would form a valuable addition to its collection.

Another important object of the Society is to obtain a large collection of specimens of the minerals and fossils of the State, with correct information as to their extent, localities and geological position, and to have the same properly classified and arranged for public inspection. Citizens of every county are requested to fur-

nish specimens of the coal, ores, earths, rocks and petrifications of their respective neighborhoods, with such information respecting the same as they can obtain. Such a collection, scientifically arranged and classed, would enable the people of the State to acquire a more accurate knowledge of the geology and mineralogy of Missouri, and would open the eyes of our public men as to the extent and value of our mineral resources. Public officers and members of the legislature may make valuable additions to this collection without expense.

It is also desirable that the Society should embrace as active members a much larger number of the citizens of the State, in order that its funds may be adequate to the accomplishment of the objects of its formation. It is probable that many persons in various parts of the State are willing to unite in an effort to place this Society on a permanent and respectable basis, and they are solicited to become active members. The success and prosperity of the Society must depend on the united exertions of large number of citizens. The officers and members entertain the hope that during the ensuing fall, many additions may be made to the number of its members, and to the list of donors to its library, museum and cabinet. The meeting of the General Assembly will afford a favorable opportunity to send contributions that will be valuable and acceptable. Articles intended for the use of the Society may be delivered to the President in St. Louis, or to the Secretary at the City of Jefferson. The officers of the Society appeal to the liberality of the citizens of the State to co-operate with them in effecting the useful objects above set forth; and express the hope that at the annual meeting in next January, they will be able to report the Society in a more prosperous condition than at any former period.

CITY OF JEFFERSON, July 4, 1848.

ACT OF INCORPORATION, &c.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. George W. Hough, William Claude Jones, William M. Campbell, James L. Minor, Hiram P. Goodrich, George W. Waters, John I. Campbell, John H. Watson, Adam B. Chambers, John McNeil, Samuel Treat, Robert I. Boas, Erich Plump, John G. Walker, George W. Huston, Hiram H. Baber, John C. Edwards, Benjamin F. Stringfellow, Bela M. Hughes, Trusten Polk, Robert Wilson, John D. Coalter, William Carson, George A. Carrel, Thomas G. Allen, William E. Elliott, William G. Minor, R. G. Smart, Mann Butler, S. H. Whipple, Robert T. Brown, and Harrison Hough, and such other persons as now are or may hereafter be associated with them, are hereby declared and constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of "THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," and by that name shall have continual succession, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all courts and places; and for the purposes of its institution, may do all such acts as are performed by natural persons.

SEC. 2. The objects of the Society shall be to collect, embody, arrange and preserve in an authentic form, the materials for the history of this State, to accumulate a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts and papers, a cabinet of ores, minerals, fossils, and other natural productions; and a museum of relics, curiosities and other articles that may illustrate the history of the country. It shall be an object of the Society to rescue from oblivion the memory of the early pioneers of this State, and to obtain and preserve in an authentic form the history of their exploits and perils; and it shall exhibit in their true light the resources of the State. It also may take proper steps to promote the study of history, and to diffuse and publish information relating to the description and history of Missouri.

SEC. 3. Said Society may have a common seal, and alter or change the same; it may make, establish and enforce a constitution, rules and by-laws for its government; provided the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the country.

SEC. 4. Said Society may receive, hold, purchase and enjoy, books, papers and other articles forming its library, museum and cabinet, to any extent; and may acquire, receive, hold and enjoy other real and personal estate, not exceeding five thousand dollars in value; but all its funds shall be appropriated to promote the objects of its formation.

SEC. 5. Said Society shall have power to elect and qualify such officers as may be considered necessary, to be chosen at such times, in such manner, and for such terms, as the constitution and rules of the Society may prescribe; and if the election

of any officer shall not be held on the day appointed, the election may be held on any other day.

Sec. 6. The General Assembly reserves the right to repeal this act.

This act shall take effect from its passage.

APPROVED, FEBRUARY 27, 1845.

AN ACT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL
AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Missouri Historical and Philosophical Society shall have authority to use, occupy and control the semi-circular room on the first floor of the Capitol, immediately under the State Library room, for the purpose of keeping therein the library, museum and cabinet of said Society; and the Secretary of State shall furnish said Society with a copy of all the publications that shall be made by authority of this State. The privileges granted by this act may be repealed at any time by the General Assembly.

This act shall take effect from its passage.

APPROVED, JANUARY 6, 1847.

JOINT RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING A ROOM FOR THE MIS-
SOURI HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to have the room appropriated by this General Assembly to the use of the "Missouri Historical and Philosophical Society," furnished with shelves and a table suitable for the reception of the books and specimens now in the possession or which may hereafter be donated to said Society, in a plain and economical manner.

SEC. 2. The Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the treasury of this State for the amount necessary to accomplish the objects above specified, in favor of the Secretary of State, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; provided, that in accomplishing this object, not more than ninety dollars shall be expended.

APPROVED, FEBRUARY 16, 1847.

CONSTITUTION.

IN pursuance of a notice which was published in the newspapers of the City of Jefferson, a number of gentlemen assembled in the Senate Chamber at the Capitol of Missouri, on Wednesday, December 18th, A. D. MDCCCXLIV, for the purpose of forming a HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

GEORGE W. HOUGH was called to the Chair, and JAMES L. MINOR was appointed Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN, MESSRS. WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, H. P. GOODRICH, and JOHN I. CAMPBELL, severally addressed the meeting—explaining the intention and objects of the Society.

The following Constitution was then submitted and unanimously adopted:

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY."

ARTICLE II.

Its officers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected by a vote of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

The objects of this Society shall be—to collect, embody and preserve all papers, memorials and documents connected with the early history of Missouri, and all statistics in any way pertaining to the population, mineral, navigable and agricultural resources of the State; and the Society shall, from time to time, make such publication thereof as it may deem useful and interesting.

ARTICLE IV.

The meetings of the Society shall be held in the Capitol in the City of Jefferson on the third Monday in January in each year.

ARTICLE V.

The Society shall consist of ordinary and honorary members. The ordinary members shall be such persons as are willing to join the Society and conform to its regulations, and who shall be admitted as members, either by a vote of the Society

or by order of the Executive Committee. The honorary members shall be such persons, in this State or other places, as shall be elected by a vote of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Secretary, and three other members, who shall be appointed at every annual meeting, and who shall hold their offices for one year.

ARTICLE VII.

If any vacancy shall occur in the office of Secretary, Treasurer, or Executive Committee, the President shall supply such vacancy.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the President, at each annual meeting, to give the Society full information of all the documents, memorials and statistics, which have been received by the Secretary, and to make such suggestions as in his opinion may best advance the interests of the Society; and it shall also be the duty of the President to invite the free contribution of books, pamphlets, maps, and specimens of minerals and other curious interesting articles, from different parts of the State.

ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep, in a well bound book, a copy of this Constitution, a list of the officers, ordinary and honorary members, of the Society, and to record the proceedings of each meeting. He shall also carefully preserve all papers, documents, &c., belonging to the Society, and shall conduct the business correspondence of the Society.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Society, and at each annual meeting he shall render an account of the same.

ARTICLE XI.

If any book, pamphlet, or other document, be presented to the Society, the Secretary shall preserve the same—keeping a catalogue of such works, and the donors' names. Pamphlets shall, from time to time, be bound; and the maps and charts of the Society shall be furnished with canvass and rollers.

ARTICLE XII.

The Secretary shall correspond with all other societies of a similar nature, and give them information of the formation, condition and prospects of this Society, and obtain from them such information as will enable this Society to render its operations successful.

ARTICLE XIII.

Publishers of books and pamphlets are invited to contribute a copy of their respective publications, to be preserved in the Library of the Society. Editors of newspapers and periodicals are invited to send their papers (or files thereof) to the Secretary, to be preserved among the archives of the Society.

ARTICLE XIV.

Each ordinary member shall annually pay to the Treasurer, for the use of the Society, the sum of one dollar.

On motion of W. M. CAMPBELL,

The Chair appointed a committee of five to memorialize the General Assembly for an act of incorporation, which committee consisted of

Mr. W. M. CAMPBELL,
Dr. H. P. GOODRICH,
Mr. GEO. W. WATERS,
Mr. W. C. JONES,
Mr. A. B. CHAMBERS.

Doct. GOODRICH presented to the Society a volume entitled "Travels in North America in the years 1780-81-82, by the Marquis de Chastelleux," and also a *fac simile* engraving of six brass plates found in a mound in the State of Illinois in the year 1843, by R. Wiley.

On motion,

The meeting adjourned until the third Monday in January next.

G. W. HOUGH, *Chairman*.

JAS. L. MINOR, *Secretary*.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the Missouri Historical and Philosophical Society was held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at the City of Jefferson, on Monday, January 20th, A. D. 1845.

GEORGE W. HOUGH, the Chairman of the former meeting, called the meeting to order.

On motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That the word "three" in the second article of the Constitution be stricken out, and the word "eight" be substituted therefor.

The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected officers of the Society:

PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, of St. Louis.

VICE PRESIDENTS :

JOHN C. EDWARDS, of the county of Cole;
 WILLIAM G. MINOR, do.
 HIRAM P. GOODRICH, do.
 ROBERT W. WELLS, do.
 JOHN I. CAMPBELL, of the county of Marion;
 BELA M. HUGHES, of the county of Platte;
 MANN BUTLER, of the county of St. Louis;
 WM. CLAUDE JONES, of the county of Newton.

SECRETARY :

JAMES L. MINOR, of the county of Cole.

TREASURER :

GEORGE W. HOUGH, of the county of Cole.

The Secretary made a report of the donations to this Society since the last meeting, consisting of—

1st. Several specimens of fossil remains, presented by M. V. Harrison of Callaway county.

2nd. A collection of volumes, comprising many of the old laws and legislative journals of this State, made By William M. Campbell of St. Louis.

3rd. Several numbers of the "Missouri Statesman" and the "Weston Journal," (papers printed in this State) and sent by the Editors.

The Society was then addressed by W. G. MINOR, A. B. CHAMBERS, and WILLIS L. WILLIAMS.

Doct. GOODRICH presented to the Society several papers illustrating the levels of the waters of the great valley of the Mississippi, and submitted to the Society a map containing the outlines of the geological formation of the great valley.

The following gentlemen were elected honorary members of the Society :

ANDREW JACKSON, of Tennessee;
 GEORGE BANCROFT, of Mass.;
 ALBERT GALLATIN, of New York;
 JARED SPARKS, of Mass.;
 P. A. BROWN, of Philadelphia;
 JUDGE HALL, of Cincinnati;
 W. GILMORE SIMMS, of S. Carolina;
 LEWIS CASS, of Michigan.

The following resolutions were then offered by Doct. GOODRICH, and adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the General Assembly be invited to collect for us such rare books, historical documents, minerals, fossils, or characteristic rocks of their counties, and send them to this Society by the members of the Convention, or in any other channel.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Society be instructed to request the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to read this invitation before the close of the session to their respective houses of legislation.

Resolved, That the medical profession of Missouri be invited to aid in the cause of science by preparing at their leisure and depositing the skeletons of such wild or domestic animals as may be convenient, with this Society, for a Museum of Anatomy.

And then the Society adjourned.

G. W. HOUGH, *Chairman*.

JAS. L. MINOR, *Secretary*.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the Missouri Historical and Philosophical Society was held at the Capitol of Missouri on Monday, January 10th, A. D. 1846.

The chair was taken by the President, WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, and the Secretary being absent, ROBERT WALKER was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem*.

It being announced that, since the last meeting, the following donations had been made to the Society, viz:

A collection of specimens of minerals, found in the State of Missouri—presented by Mrs. Albert G. Harrison of Callaway county;

An unbroken series of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of Missouri, from the first session of the Legislature to the session of 1838-'39, (bound)—presented by W. M. Campbell of St. Louis;

“Lakey’s Inquiry into the Antiquities of America”—presented by S. M. Bay of Jefferson City;

“Elliott on the Funding System,” and “Johnson on American Coals”—presented by J. H. Relfe of Washington county;

Four volumes of documents on the subject of Masonry—by Henry Gossett of Boston;

A file for the year 1845 of the “Tri-Weekly Missouri Republican”—presented by the publishers, Messrs. Chambers & Knapp, of St. Louis;

A file for the year 1845 of the “Missouri (Columbia) Statesman”—presented by W. F. Switzler of Boone county;

It is ordered that the said donations be accepted, and that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the donors.

G. W. HOUGH, Treasurer, made his annual report, which was received and approved.

On motion of E. L. EDWARDS,

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Society make out and deliver to the President a true and perfect copy of the Constitution thereof, and that the President be authorized to receive such persons as members of the Society who shall sign such Constitution and otherwise comply with the same; and that any respectable person may be admitted as a member of the Society by the Secretary or any member of the Executive Committee, by signing the Constitution and otherwise complying therewith.

The business of the meeting being unfinished, it adjourned over to Thursday evening, 22nd inst.

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, *Pres.*

R. WALKER, *Sec’y pro tem.*

On the twenty-second day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, the Missouri Historical and Philosophical Society met pursuant to adjournment.

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, the President, took the chair, and the proceedings of the preceding meeting were read by James L. Minor, the Secretary.

JAMES L. MINOR offered the following as additional articles of the Constitution, which were unanimously adopted as such:

ART. XV. Any respectable person may be permitted to become a member of this Society by obtaining the consent of the President or any member of the Executive Committee, and signing the Constitution and complying with the requisitions thereof.

ART. XVI. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President or Executive Committee, to be held either in the City of Jefferson or at any other place in this State, of which proper notice shall be given.

ART. XVII. The Executive Committee shall procure the services of some member of this Society to deliver an address at each annual meeting thereof.

The following resolutions were offered by JAMES L. MINOR, and unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be requested to make an effort to obtain the temporary use of a suitable room in the capitol for the purpose of keeping the books, pamphlets, papers, maps, minerals, ore, and curiosities now owned by the Society, and such as may be hereafter obtained.

2. *Resolved*, That said committee be instructed to apply to the General Assembly, at its next session, to grant to the Society the permanent use of a suitable room for the purposes above mentioned.

3. *Resolved*, That said committee be instructed to procure suitable cases to contain the books, mineral specimens, and other articles belonging to the Society.

4. *Resolved*, That all persons be invited to make contributions, to increase the library, cabinet and museum of the Society.

5. *Resolved*, That all editors and publishers of periodicals and papers be requested to contribute to the Society copies of their publications, to be carefully filed and preserved.

6. *Resolved*, That authors of books and pamphlets be requested to contribute to the Society copies of their works.

7. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to correspond with individuals in different parts of the State with a

view to obtain a full collection of specimens of the rich mineral productions of this State.

8. *Resolved*, That the President be instructed to publish a small, neat pamphlet, containing an account of the organization of this Society, its act of incorporation, and such other matters as may be deemed useful and interesting, with a view to have the same distributed amongst other societies, institutions and libraries, and amongst literary and scientific men in this and other States.

9. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain a sufficient amount of funds to render the operations of the Society effective and useful.

10. *Resolved*, That the members of the Society be requested to make active efforts to increase the number of its members, and otherwise promote its interest.

Mr. JAMES LUSK presented to the Society a file of the "Jefferson Inquirer," containing, among other things, a full account of the proceedings of the recent State Convention; also, a copy of the journals of that Convention, and a copy of the new Constitution adopted by the same, together with a copy of the Territorial Laws of Missouri.

On motion of Mr. ANGNEY, the present of Mr. Lusk was accepted, and the thanks of the Society returned for the same.

Mr. JOHN G. WALKER presented to the Society "Volney's Travels in America," and on motion of Mr. MARTIN, the present was accepted and the thanks of the Society returned therefor.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which election resulted in the unanimous choice of the following persons:

FOR PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL.

FOR VICE PRESIDENTS:

JOHN C. EDWARDS, of the county of Cole;
 ROBERT W. WELLS, do.
 JAMES L. MINOR, do.
 WILLIAM Z. ANGNEY, do.
 JAMES H. RELFE, of the county of Washington;
 JOHN I. CAMPBELL, of the county of Marion;
 MANN BUTLER, of the county of St. Louis;
 JAMES YOUNG, of the county of Lafayette.

FOR SECRETARY:
FALKLAND H. MARTIN.

FOR TREASURER:
GEORGE W. HOUGH.

The President then announced the appointment of the following persons as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz:—WILLIAM G. MINOR, JOHN G. WALKER, and ENOS B. CORDELL.

The Society adjourned.

Attest: WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, *Pres't.*
FALKLAND H. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

A called meeting of the Historical and Philosophical Society of the State of Missouri was held in the Senate Chamber at the Capitol of the State on Monday, January 11th, 1847.

The President informed the Society that the Executive Committee had invited MANN BUTLER, Esqr., of the city of St. Louis, to deliver an address; that Mr. Butler had accepted the invitation, but in consequence of sickness in his family—the severe cold weather, and the difficulty of reaching this city in time,—he had been forced reluctantly to decline the invitation.

The PRESIDENT then being called on, addressed the meeting at length.

The Constitution was then read by the Secretary.

On motion of W. G. MINOR, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the gentlemen present who may desire to join the Society, are requested now to enroll their names.

In support of this resolution, the Society was addressed by Mr. MINOR.

Several gentlemen now came forward and were received as members of the Society.

And then the Society adjourned until the 19th inst. (Monday next.)

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, *Pres't.*
FALKLAND H. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Historical and Philosophical Society was held in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol on Monday evening, January 19th, 1847.

The chair was taken by the President.

The Secretary made a report, which, on motion of W. C. Jones, was received and ordered to be spread on the record of the proceedings of the Society. The following is a copy of the report:

CATALOGUE of Books, &c., presented to the Historical and Philosophical Society of the State of Missouri, since January, 1846.

Journal of Convention of Virginia in 1776—19 vols. "National Intelligencer"—from Hon. DAVID TODD, of Boone county.

Annual Reports Patent Office U. S.; Journal of Convention of Mo. in 1846; copy Constitution proposed by it; Review of same; Opinion of U. S. Dist. Court on constitutionality of Bankrupt Act of 1841; Pamphlet on Necessity of Lunatic Asylum for Insane Poor; Auditor's certificate on Treasurer of Mo. for money (of an early date)—from Hon. R. W. WELLS, of Jefferson City.

Literature of American Local History—from the author, H. E. LUDIWIG.

Butler's History of Kentucky; Brown's History of Illinois; A collection of pamphlets on Politics and Literature—from W. M. CAMPBELL, of St. Louis.

Tri-Weekly Republican, St. Louis; St. Louis Reveille; St. Louis Union; Fayette Democrat; Boonville Bulletin; Columbia Statesman; Metropolitan, (Jeff. City;) Inquirer, do.—Newspapers, presented by their respective editors. About two hundred geological formations and minerals (specimens)—presented by JOHN POLK and FALKLAND H. MARTIN.

Eighteen thousand dollars Virginia currency during the war of the Revolution—from H. H. BABER, of Jeff. City.

Specimen of coal from New Madrid county—from Jno. H. WALKER.

On motion of W. C. JONES, the thanks of the Society were tendered to the donors aforesaid.

G. W. HOUGH, Treasurer, made an annual report of the condition of the finances of the Society.

On motion of W. C. JONES, a committee of five was appointed to report the names of officers of the Society for the ensuing year. The committee having retired, returned in a short time and reported the names of the following gentlemen, who were duly elected officers, as follows:

PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, of St. Louis.

VICE PRESIDENCES:

JOHN C. EDWARDS, of Cole county;

R. W. WELLS, do.

J. L. MINOR, do.

S. D. CARUTHERS, of Madison county;

J. H. RELFE, of Washington county;

JOHN I. CAMPBELL, of Marion county;

MANN BUTLER, of St. Louis county;

JAMES YOUNG, of Lafayette county.

SECRETARY:

FALKLAND H. MARTIN.

TREASURER:

GEORGE W. HOUGH.

Executive Committee (appointed by the President)—W. G. MINOR, of Cole; E. B. CORDELL, do.; E. L. EDWARDS, do.

On motion of W. G. MINOR, it was

Resolved, That the room in the Capitol given to the Society by an act of the General Assembly at its present session, be placed in charge of the Secretary of this Society, and that so soon as convenient, he remove into said room the books, specimens, &c., of the Society.

On motion of G. W. HOUGH, it was

Resolved, That MANN BUTLER, Esq., of St. Louis, be respectfully requested to give to this Society the MS. copy of his intended address on the "Life and Times of Gen. George Rogers Clarke."

On motion of M. M. MAUGHAS, it was

Resolved, That the members of this Society be requested to collect and transmit to the Secretary, to be laid before the Society, all the information within their reach in relation to the early history of their particular districts—information relating to the Aborigines—the early settlement, and their difficulties with the Indians—remarkable personal adventures, and biographical notices of noted pioneers—minerological and geological specimens found *in situ* or in drift, with an account accompanying each specimen of its situation, geographically and geologically, when practicable.

Letters were read from K. G. Pearson, communicating an account of the ruins of “an old mining operation” in Bates county; from O. D. Goodwin, sending a copper (Mexican) canister ball found by him near Fort Brown; from Hiram H. Baber, giving a large collection of “Virginia paper currency,” issued during the war of the Revolution; and from Elias Barcroft, accompanied by a specimen of coal found in Cole county, and marble from Ste. Genevieve county.

Doct. MULLOWNY, W. C. JONES, and D. C. BALLOU being severally called on, addressed the Society.

And then the Society adjourned until the first Monday in February next.

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, *Pres't.*

FALKLAND H. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

CITY OF JEFFERSON, Mo., Feb. 15, 1847.

The Society met in the Senate Chamber, WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, the President, in the chair.

Dr. MULLOWNY being present, was called on and delivered a chaste and elegant address upon the destiny of America.—ISAAC W. TAYLOR and WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, of St. Louis, were called on, and in an eloquent manner delivered excellent speeches connected with the objects and purposes of the Society. WM. C. JONES offered a resolution providing for the

appointment of a committee to procure from Dr. Mulloony a copy of his address for publication, which was adopted, and Messrs. Jones, Rollins and Martin were appointed on said committee.

Dr. MAUGHAS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the practicability of supplying the room of the Society in the Capitol with shelves, cases and furniture, suitable for the reception and preservation of books, specimens, and other articles that are owned or may be obtained by the Society, and to collect from the members of the Society, and others, a sum sufficient to accomplish said object, and to make arrangements to expend the money thus obtained in the most judicious and economical manner in furtherance of the objects above specified.

Said resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Maughas, Jones and Taylor were appointed on said committee.

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, *Pres't.*

FALKLAND H. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Missouri was held in the Capitol on Monday evening, January 17th, 1848.

In the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, Hon. DAVID TODD, of Boone county, was requested to act as President *pro tempore*.

The journal of the last regular meeting having been read, the Secretary submitted a graceful letter from Mrs. McCracken, presenting to the Society the Flag which had been returned to her by Capt. L. J. Eastin, accompanied by a letter from him detailing its history and the victories in which it had been; and also a spirited letter from Capt. M. M. Parsons, presenting to the Society the Flag which had attended the march of his company in the expedition on Chihuahua.

The Secretary then submitted his annual report, which was ordered to be entered on the records of the Society, and which is as follows :

“TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI :

“The Secretary, in submitting his annual report, congratulates the members on the prosperous condition and increasing success which have marked and continue to attend the course of the Society. Although in its infancy, and restricted by feeble pecuniary means, the Society has largely increased in numbers, and to its library and collections there have been many valuable additions. Among its members may be ranked many of the most eminent men and ripest scholars of the State, while it is exciting a degree of public interest which at once fixes its popularity and foreshadows its future usefulness.

“By the liberality of the last General Assembly, a spacious and convenient room (immediately under the apartment occupied by the State Library) was donated to the Society, and an appropriation of ninety dollars made to provide it with proper furniture. The law required the Secretary of State to superintend the execution of this work. Calling to his aid Doct. Maughas of Callaway county, a zealous and efficient member of the Society, who furnished a tasteful draft for the proper arrangement of the room, and the necessary shelving and tables, the work was faithfully executed, according to the design and arrangement of Doct. Maughas.—The Hall of the Society is now fitted up with spacious and substantial shelving for books—cases, with sliding shutters, for specimens—one large desk, with glass cover, for mineralogical and other specimens—and a strong black walnut table, twelve by six feet. The furniture of the Hall is sufficient for all the purposes of the Society, and for the safe preservation of its library, collections, specimens, curiosities and archives. It is intended at an early day to arrange the books into chapters, and the specimens into classes, with labels indicating their titles and the names of the respective donors.

“Since the last meeting of the Society, more than eighty volumes (well bound) of the political documents published by order of Congress have been presented to the Society by Hon. James Buchanan, Secretary of State of the United States, and one or more valuable political works have been received from Hon. D. R. Atchison. In the branch of “Politics,” the library of the Society, though small, is select and valuable; and should the increase in this branch of the library not flag, the Society, in a few years, will have achieved a portion of the design of its founders—that of preserving in its archives the unbroken materials of the legislative and political history of our country and State.

“A bust of Hon. James B. Bowlin, executed by a young artist, Mr. Hall, of St. Louis, has been presented to the Society by James Lusk, Esq. It is executed with much skill, and reflects honor on the artist. From Mr. Brickey, a young painter, born in Missouri, the Society has received a spirited and faithful sketch of the State Capitol and adjacent grounds.

“From Capt. Parsons, of the “Cole Dragoons,” the Society has received the flag which, presented by the ladies of Jefferson City, attended his company on the march on Chihuahua; and from Mrs. McCracken the flag of the “Cole Infantry,” which was returned to her by Capt. Eastin—she having presented it to his company on the eve of its departure for Santa Fe. These memorials of the chivalrous spirit

of Missouri, and which have borne her name in triumph over the distant and trackless prairie, have been carefully preserved, and, under the direction of the Society, will be placed in such positions as may give them the best effect. Though soiled by exposure on the long march, and torn in the storm of battle, they will ever remain unsullied mementos of the glory of Missouri, and of the brilliant victories achieved by her sons at Bracito, Sacramento, El Paso, Embuda, Canada, and Puebla de Taos. It would doubtless be a source of much pride to the Society if the flags of the various companies in the expeditions under Colonels Doniphan and Price were sent to it for preservation. Here every precaution would be taken to preserve them from loss, mutilation or decay, and, hung in the Hall of the Society, they would ever stand forth the proudest monuments of our history and the most eloquent advocates of duty, honor and patriotism.

"Many of the newspapers of the State are regularly received by the Society.—They are safely filed away. So soon as the condition of the treasury will admit, it is intended to have them chronologically arranged and bound. The living records of the fleeting history of the day—the depositories of the thought, energy, and passion of the hour, and the mighty arteries through which gushes the pulse of public opinion—they will ever form the most interesting department of our collection. As memorials of our social and political history, they are invaluable, and their excitement and violence are the surest guarantees against the suppression of Truth. They breathe the spirit of the age, and indicate at a glance our onward march in intelligence and civilization.

"In the absence of a geological survey, our cabinet, although small, presents a striking proof of the varied soil and mineral wealth of Missouri. Geology is the handmaid of Agriculture, and its principles and philosophy should be understood by every cultivator of the earth. To the eye of the enlightened farmer, our cabinet shews to some extent the quality, extent and situation of the strata of rocks, clay, sand and earth of Missouri, and their adaptation to the purposes of agriculture—the position of salt, soda, porcelain, &c. The mineralogist may also here find the position of the inexhaustible deposits of iron, lead and copper which are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the State. In specimens of that great element of national wealth, COAL, the cabinet of the society is deficient. It is well known that (probably with the exception of Illinois) there is no country which abounds more in coal than Missouri, and that it is characterized by every possible variety. On the banks of the Osage, in Callaway county, and in the vicinity of this city, are to be found rich deposits of coal, equaling the best quality which is imported from England. In other sections of the State it also abounds, and every examination (how imperfect soever it may have been) which has been made of the coal fields of Missouri, shew that they are apparently inexhaustible and of the best quality. It is much to be desired that the members of the Society would send to the Society one or more specimens of coal found in different sections of the State, with a description of its position—nature of soil in which found—vicinity to mines of lead, iron or copper—distance from navigation, &c. By this means, we should obtain the most correct information of this valuable agent of wealth and prosperity, which has been so bountifully poured into our lap.

"To rescue from oblivion the perishing memorials of our early history, is the duty of the Society. Its principal objects are to collect, embody and preserve all papers, memorials and documents connected with the early history of Missouri, and all statistics in any way pertaining to the population, mineral, navigable and

agricultural resources of the State, and of publishing the same at stated periods.—To aid in this laudable work, the Society not only looks to its members, but to the community. Many valuable documents, letters, pamphlets, surveys, &c., of an early date, while in the hands of individuals, are suffered to perish through carelessness, or moulder away through inattention. To their owners they may be of no importance, but, deposited in the archives of the Society, they would aid in filling the chasms in our early history and giving to it the fullest interest. To those who may make such donations, the assurance is given that they will be gladly accepted and most carefully preserved.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.

“FALKLAND H. MARTIN.”

The Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was ordered to be entered upon the minutes of the Society, and which is as follows:

“CITY OF JEFFERSON, January 17, 1848.

“The undersigned, Treasurer of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Missouri, submits the following Report:

“The balance in the treasury on the 18th day of January, 1847, was six dollars and ninety cents. The amount received from members since that time is eight dollars and ninety-five cents; making the sum of fifteen dollars and eighty-five cents. Of this, one dollar and five cents have been paid for the use of the Society.

“The balance now in the treasury is fourteen dollars and eighty cents.

“Respectfully submitted.

“G. W. HOUGH.

“To WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, Esq., *President of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Missouri.*”

Resolved, That the President of the Society be requested to publish a small, neat pamphlet, containing an account of the organization of the Society—the names and residences of its members—its act of incorporation—the various acts of the General Assembly in relation to it, and such other matters as may be deemed useful and interesting—with the view to have the same distributed among other societies, institutions and libraries, and among scientific and literary men, in this and other States.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be, on the part of this Society, to petition the next General Assembly of Missouri to provide by law for a thorough geological survey of the State.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee:—F. H. MARTIN, City of Jefferson; S. T. GLOVER, Marion county; EDWARD BATES, St. Louis; D. C. BALLOU, Benton county;

S. D. CARUTHERS, Madison county; JOHN F. RYLAND, Lafayette county; W. G. MINOR, City of Jefferson.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be returned to the ladies and gentlemen who have made donations to its collections.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which election resulted as follows:

PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, of St. Louis.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

JOHN C. EDWARDS, of Cole county;
 R. W. WELLS, do.
 J. L. MINOR, do.
 S. D. CARUTHERS, of Madison county;
 EDWARD BATES, of St. Louis;
 S. T. GLOVER, of Marion county;
 M. M. MAUGHAS, of Callaway county;
 P. H. McBRIDE, of Monroe county.

SECRETARY:

FALKLAND H. MARTIN.

TREASURER:

GEORGE W. HOUGH.

Executive Committee—appointed by the President *pro tem.*:
 —W. G. MINOR, E. B. CORDELL, E. L. EDWARDS, F. A. KOUNSLAR, W. B. STARKE.

Judge TODD addressed the Society, giving a sketch of some of the early pioneers of the State; and in the debates which arose on some of the resolutions, Messrs. W. G. MINOR, HOUGH, KOUNSLAR and LISLE participated.

Several gentlemen having been enrolled, and having signed the Constitution, were admitted members of the Society.

And then the Society adjourned.

DAVID TODD, *Pres. pro tem.*

FALKLAND H. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF MEMBERS.

GEORGE W. HOUGH, of the county of Cole;
WM. CLAUDE JONES, of the county of Newton;
WM. MASSILLON CAMPBELL, of the city of St. Louis;
JAMES L. MINOR, of the county of Cole;
HIRAM P. GOODRICH, of the county of Cole;
GEORGE W. WATERS, of the county of Jefferson;
JOHN I. CAMPBELL, of the county of Marion;
JOHN H. WATSON, of the city of St. Louis;
A. B. CHAMBERS, do.
JOHN McNEIL, do.
SAMUEL TREAT, do.
ROBERT I. BOAS, of the county of Ste. Genevieve;
ERICH PLUMP, of the county of Cole;
JOHN G. WALKER, of the county of Cole.

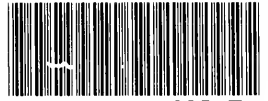
[*Signers of Constitution, at organization.*]

JAMES YOUNG, of the county of Lafayette;
WILLIAM CARSON, of the county of Marion;
STATIUS EGGERS, of the county of Cole;
SAMUEL T. GLOVER, of the county of Marion;
ROBERT WILSON, of the county of Randolph;
ENOS B. CORDELL, of the county of Cole;
GEORGE E. PRATTE, of the county of Boone;
JOHN A. POWELL, of the county of Howard;
WILLIS L. WILLIAMS, of the city of St. Louis;
AARON FINCH, of the county of Dade;
A. W. REID, of the county of Monroe;
E. M. C. MORELOCK, of the county of Linn;
JOHN ORRICK, of the county of St. Charles;
W. G. MINOR, of the county of Cole;
HARVEY WELLMAN, of the county of Ralls;
DEWITT C. BALLOU, of the county of Benton;
STEPHEN COOPER, of the county of Holt;
WILLIAM Z. ANGNEY, of the county of Cole;
R. B. ELLIS, of the county of Daviess;
T. M. EWING, of the county of Lafayette;
JAS. O. BROADHEAD, of the county of Pike;
ROBERT WALKER, of the county of Cole;
LISBON APPLGATE, of the county of Chariton;
W. Y. SLACK, of the county of Livingston;
JOHN F. STONE, of the county of Boone;
DAVID M. HICKMAN, do.
THOMSON WARD, of the county of Platte;

THOMAS M. HORINE, of the county of Ste. Genevieve;
EDMUND FLAGG, of the city of St. Louis;
A. O. FORSHEY, of the county of Montgomery;
URIEL WRIGHT, of the city of St. Louis;
WILLIAM B. BASKETT, of the county of Callaway;
R. W. WELLS, of the county of Cole;
E. L. EDWARDS, do.
JAMES LUSK, do.
ABIEL LEONARD, of the county of Howard;
DAVID TODD, of the county of Boone;
CARTY WELLS, of the county of Marion;
FALKLAND H. MARTIN, of the county of Jefferson;
PRIESTLY H. McBRIDE, of the county of Monroe;
JAMES H. RELFE, of the county of Washington;
JAMES LIVINGSTON, of the county of Grundy;
JAMES S. ROLLINS, of the county of Boone;
WM. F. SWITZLER, do.
A. W. SCHARIT, of the city of St. Louis;
M. M. MAUGHAS, of the county of Callaway;
JASON HARRISON, of the county of Cole;
ISAAC W. TAYLOR, of the city of St. Louis;
SAMUEL CONWAY, do.
E. B. EWING, of the county of Ray;
J. B. COLT, of the city of St. Louis;
D. J. LISLE, of the county of Cole;
JOHN H. BEAN, of the county of Macon;
G. H. C. MELODY, of the city of St. Louis;
SAMUEL H. LOWRY, do.
GIDEON P. WYATT, of the county of Gasconade;
JOHN L. BLAINE, of the city of St. Louis;
JOHN C. BURCH, of the county of Cole;
F. HEREFORD, do.
WM. A. DAVISON, do.
A. KENNEDY, do.
JOHN C. McCOY, of the county of Morgan;
T. P. BELL, of the county of Cooper;
THOS. P. RUBEY, of the county of Randolph;
JAMES B. McHENRY, of the county of Cole;
WM. O. APPLEBEE, of the county of Warren;
M. L. THOMAS, of the county of Lincoln;
WILLIAM CALHOUN, of the county of Johnson;
R. WINTER, of the county of Cole;
A. W. DAGGETT, of the county of Clark;
WM. A. JONES, of the county of Washington;
G. MULLOWNY, do.
JNO. H. WALKER, of the county of New Madrid;
KINDRED G. PEARSON, of the county of Cedar;
EDWARD BATES, of the city of St. Louis;
F. A. KOWNSLAR, of the county of Cole;

JESSE B. BABER, of the county of Cole;
 W. B. STARKE, do.
 WILLIAM PRIEST, of the county of Ralls;
 ANDREW KING, of the county of St. Charles;
 ROBERT CAMPBELL, of the city of St. Louis;
 SOL. D. CARUTHERS, of the county of Madison;
 JAMES L. DUNKLIN, of the county of Jefferson;
 JOHN GEIGER, do.
 WM. H. DYER, of the county of Callaway;
 JNO. S. McCRACKEN, of the county of Cole;
 BEN. F. HICKMAN, do.
 H. L. BOON, do.

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